invest in Urban Infrastructure projects in India.

(d) Government has already allowed NRIs to invest in housing and real estate development sector. As per the existing Scheme formulated by the Government only Non-residents of Indian nationality/ origin and overseas corporate bodies (OCBs) prodenincntly owned by Nonresidents of Indian nationality/origin arc allowed to invest in this sector.

**Welfare Schemes for Minorities in Bihar**

611. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Welfare Schemes/programmes being implemented by Government in Bihar for minorities of the State;

(b) funds allocated for such schemes/ programmes during the last three years•year-wise and scheme/programme-wise' and

(c) the steps Government have taken to ensure that the benefits reach the target groups in the State?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) Following Schemes arc being implemented for the Welfare of Minorities through out the country including the State of Bihar.

(i) Prc-cxamination Coaching Scheme for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria is being implemented through reputed coaching institutions. The grants arc released on the recommendation of State Governments.

(ii) Multi-Sectoral Development Plan Scheme is being implemented in 41 minority concentration districts through out the country. In the State of Bihar there are 3 such district's viz. Purnea, Katihar & Darbhanga.

(iii) The Scheme of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMFDC) is being implemented through State Channelising Agencies. The channelising Agency for the State of Bihar is the Bihar State Minorities Finance Corporation. An amount of Rs. 128.96 lakhs have been released on 3.7.97 to the State Channelising agency of Bihar.

(iv) Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities. The scheme operates in 331 Minority concentration blocks/tchsils as identified by the Ministry of Welfare on the basis of 1981 census. Out of a total of 331 minority conccrntration blocks, 85 blocks arc in Bihar where the scheme of Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities is applicable. Under the scheme, no proposal has been received from the State Govt, of Bihar during the last 3 years and thus no grants could be released.

(v) Scheme of Modernisation of Madarasa Education. Amounts disbursed under the above schemes during last 3 years arc indicated in statement given below.

All these schemes are being monitored by the State Government.

**Statement**

*Details of amount disbursed to the State of Bihar scheme-wise during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97.*

Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakhs)

| SI. No. | Name of Scheme | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Section based on economic criteria | 15.00 | 15.00 | Nil | |
| 2. | Multi Sectoral Development Plan | | 3.00 | Nil | |
| 3. | National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation | Nil | Nil | Nil | |
| 4. | Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities | Nil | Nil | Nil | These scheme arc being run by the Dcptt. of Education. |
| 5. | Modernisation of Madarasa Education | Nil | Nil | 44.38 | Ministry of Human Resource Development |

*Scheme came into existance during 95-96.

**उत्तर प्रदेश में निराश्रित बच्चों के लिए सरकार की कल्याणकारी योजनाएं**

612. **प्रो. राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:**
**श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:**

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश में निराश्रित बच्चों के लिए कतिपय कल्याणकारी योजनाएं चलाई जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन योजनाओं के लिए आबंटित राशि क्या है?

(कल्याण मंत्री (बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। कल्याण मंत्रालय की चल रही निम्नलिखित योजनाओं के अंतर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश में बेसहारा बच्चों को शामिल किया गया है;

| योजनाओं का ब्यौरा | निर्मुक्त राशि 1994-95 | 1995-96 | (रु लाख में) 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. बेसहारा बच्चों के कल्याण के लिए योजना इस योजना के अंतर्गत निराश्रित बच्चों की देखभाल और विकास के लिए पात्र स्वैच्छिक संगठंनों को बुनियादी गैर-संस्थागत सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए 90% तक सहायता अनुदान दिया जाता है। | 22.65 | 14.80 | 30.57 |
| 2. किशोर सामाजिक कृसंकमन निवारण एवं नियंत्रण की योजना इस योजना के अंतर्गत शिशु गहों की स्थापना और देखभाल के लिए राज्य सरकारों को वितीय सहायता दी | 45.15 | शुन्य | शुन्य |